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'prü-vən **◄**)

British also 'prō-; proving

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transitive verb

1 a: to establish the existence, truth, or validity of (as by evidence or logic)

prove a theorem

the charges were never proved in court

b: to demonstrate as having a particular quality or worth

proved herself a great actress

the vaccine has been *proven* effective after years of tests

: to show (oneself) to be worthy or capable

eager to *prove* myself in the new job

3 a: to test the truth, validity, or genuineness of

the exception proves the rule

prove a will at probate

b: to test the worth or quality of

specifically: to compare against a standard → sometimes used with

up or out

c: to check the correctness of (something, such as an arithmetic

result)

archaic: to learn or find out by experience

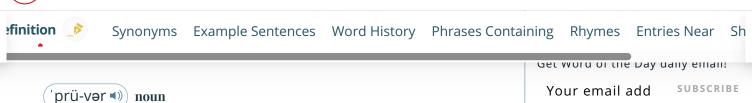


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proved or *proven*?: Usage Guide

The past participle *proven*, originally the past participle of *preve*, a Middle English variant of *prove* that survived in Scotland, has gradually worked its way into standard English over the past three and a half centuries. It seems to have first become established in legal use and to have come only slowly into literary use. Tennyson was one of its earliest frequent users, probably for metrical reasons. It was disapproved by 19th century grammarians, one of whom included it in a list of "words that are not words." Surveys made some 50 or 60 years ago indicated that *proved* was about four times as frequent as *proven*. But our evidence from the last 30 or 35 years shows this no longer to be the case. As a past participle *proven* is now about as frequent as *proved* in all contexts. As an attributive adjective

proved or proven gas reserves

proven is much more common than proved.

demonstrate document establish

substantiate validate

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The charges against him were never *proved* in court.

The government failed to *prove* its case.

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At minimum, you will be required to show documents **proving** your full legal name, date of birth, Social Security number, two proofs of address and lawful status.

- Mary Walrath-Holdridge, *USA Today*, 30 Apr. 2025

Trump's proposal for peace in Gaza — floated and then largely dropped in recent weeks — was a U.S. government takeover of the strip, which has **proved** a security and diplomatic nightmare for Israel to manage, within and from afar, for decades.

Michael Wilner, Los Angeles Times, 29 Apr. 2025

But translating that into law **proved** much harder, especially in a divided, contentious Congress.

- Andrew R. Chow, Time, 29 Apr. 2025

That's exactly what happened in 2022, a time when many consumers and economists were similarly sounding the recession alarm – only to be *proven* wrong.

- Matt Egan, CNN Money, 29 Apr. 2025

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Etymology

Middle English, from Anglo-French prover, pruver, from Latin probare to test, prove, from probus good, honest, from pro- for, in favor + -bus (akin to Old English beon to be) — more at PRO-, BE

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Time Traveler

The first known use of prove was in the 13th century

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go to show/prove

have (got) nothing left to prove

prove a point

prove oneself

prove one's manhood

prove one's mettle

prove out

prove (to be) useful

what are you trying to prove

groove

move

approve

disprove

improve

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reprove

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proved; proved *or* proven ('prü-vən ◄)); proving

- : to test by an experiment or a standard prove gold
- 2 a: to show the truth of by evidence prove the charges proved she could handle the job
 - **b**: to check the correctness of (as an arithmetic solution)
- : to show the genuineness of prove a will
- : to turn out especially after trial or test the new automobile engine proved to be impractical





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- **2 a**: to establish the existence, truth, or validity of the charges were never proved in court
 - **b**: to provide sufficient proof of or that proved the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt

prü-və-bəl ■) adjective noun prü-və-blē ◄») adverb

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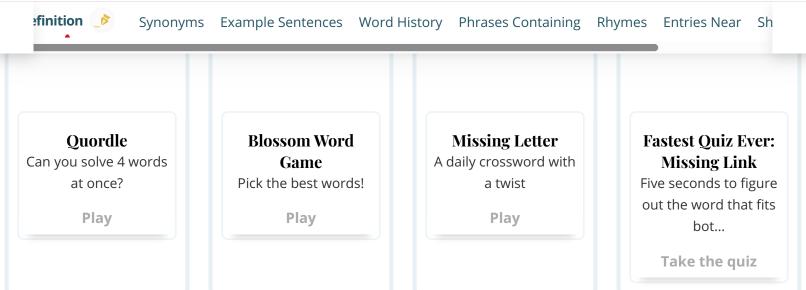
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